

Minutes of School Committee Meeting: October 15, 2014

In attendance: Mr. Paul Ognibene
Dr. Paul Schubert
Mrs. Jeanne Astino
Mrs. Mary McGoldrick
Dr. Helene Lieb

Also in attendance: Mrs. Barbara Cataldo, Superintendent
Mr. Dave DeGennaro, Business Manager

Mr. Ognibene called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: All members present.

MOVED by Dr. Schubert to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security devices. SECONDED by Dr. Lieb. ROLL CALL VOTE: All aye to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security devices.

Mr. Ognibene reconvened the Open Meeting session at 8:12 PM and reminded the audience that the meeting is being televised and recorded.

He invited audience members to address the Committee, but no one did so.

Minutes Procedures: Mr. Ognibene indicated that the Committee had reached out to MASC regarding the minutes for the School Committee meetings. The consensus is that the minutes are too much like transcripts and should read more like a summary of the meeting.

Approve Minutes of June 25, 2014: MOVED by Mrs. McGoldrick to approve the Minutes of June 25th, SECONDED by Dr. Lieb. Mrs. Astino requested that a number of additions regarding the Spring Sports Champions be included in the minutes. Mrs. Astino felt that some clarification on the funding for the Deer Hill playground should be included as well as what is happening with the bus lease bid. She also wanted the discussion of the School website noted as well as that 99% of the staff responded to the technology survey. MOVED by Dr. Lieb to approve the minutes of June 25th as amended. SECONDED by Dr. Schubert. VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Approve Minutes of Sept. 17, 2014: MOVED by Dr. Schubert to approve the minutes of September 17th; SECONDED by Dr. Lieb. Mrs. Astino felt that the discussion of MCAS and PARCC should also include the mention of Smarter Balance even though it is not an option for students in Massachusetts. MOVED by Dr. Lieb to approve the minutes of Sept. 17th as amended, SECONDED by Dr. Schubert. VOTE 5-0 in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Mr. Ognibene expressed the Committees sympathy for Mrs. Figureiredo over the sudden loss of her son and to let her know she is in all of their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Security: The School Committee as a team has looked at the issues surrounding this topic and have done a complete security assessment of the District's assets, controls, access and policies. There are gaps that were revealed, and Mr. Ognibene recognized that there is shared responsibility for these gaps and shared desire to insure that all issues are resolved in a timely manner. A specific policy needs to be written and approved by the Committee that covers the use of Lobby Guard at the three schools as well as procedures designed and implemented by the Building Principals. The goal is to have Policies and Procedures in

place by the end of the year. The Committee also recognizes that there is a need to insure that all cameras are working and in good maintenance. The Sub-Committee on Policy has been tasked to develop a policy on communication between residents and school administration.

Technology Plan: The Committee is working closely with Mr. Bonnell to find out where we are with the various technology initiatives. Next meeting will include more detailed information on this issue.

Communication Policy: Previously discussed in the overall discussion of Security.

School Calendar for FY 15: Mrs. Cataldo wanted to clarify that Dec. 23rd is a half day which was voted on by the Committee. Mrs. Astino indicated that the Committee discussed the calendar at length and that the 23rd was voted as a half day when they approved the entire calendar.

Camp Bournedale: Mrs. Cataldo has made an appeal to parents to join the committee reviewing the Camp Bournedale experience. Several have responded. She will insure that the group takes an objective approach; her position is to oversee the discussion and not to be part of the deciding vote.

Report on Professional Development Day: Mrs. Cataldo distributed a hand-out on the Security based PD Day. The entire staff met to discuss the objective of the day and then split into school-based groups. All teachers participated in the planned drill. Each building Principal will design drills for their school which will include all personnel in each school.

Enrollment: The current numbers show that enrollment has dropped overall in the District.

Weebly: This topic has been postponed to the next meeting.

Approve Warrant 15-06S: MOVED by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-06S; SECONDED by Dr. Schubert. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE in favor of approving Warrant 15-06S.

Monthly Update: The financial update is as of September 30, 2014. Mr. DeGennaro indicated that he has already begun forecasting for the remainder of the year. Concerned about Unemployment costs and utilities. That we've spent 17.9% of the budget is about average.

Surplus Textbooks: Mr. DeGennaro asked the Committee to declare the books on the list as surplus so we can donate them to GotBooks. MOVED by Mrs. Astino to declare the books on the list provided to the Committee as surplus. SECONDED by Dr. Lieb. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE in favor of declaring the books surplus.

Communications: Mrs. McGoldrick indicated that Mary Buchanan's power point presentation at the initial SEPAC meeting was very informative and urged SEPAC to make it available to all of its members. Mrs. McGoldrick also attended the first meeting of the Deer Hill School Council where the Weebly program was discussed. Mrs. Astino attended the first Osgood School Council meeting where they talked about the goals they have set for the school which are going very well. Dates for the next Policy Sub-Committee meeting were discussed as were dates for upcoming Negotiation meetings.

MOVED by Mrs. Astino to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM; SECONDED by Dr. Schubert. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE in favor of adjournment.

List of All Documents Used at Meeting

E-1	Approval of June 25, 2014 Minutes
E-2	Approval of September 17, 2014 Minutes
F-1	Communication Policy
F-2	School Calendar (December 23 rd)
G-1	Monthly Update
G-2	Declare Surplus Textbooks